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FIRE PARTIALLY DESTROYS OLD CROWELL HOUSE

Fire Department Responds within five Minutes

The old Crowell house now the headquarters of the Chatham Ice Company was partially destroyed at 3 A.M. in the early morning of July 8th. The damage is estimated to be \$4,000. About half of the house and interior furnishings were burned before the fire department could extinguish the flames. The fire department answered the alarm within five minutes.

S.S. MONOMOY HOLDS PARENTS NIGHT

The Chatham Sea Scouts at the S.S. Monomoy anchored in Legion Hall held a parents night July 6th. Beginning at 8:30 the Sea Scouts meeting was brought to order when the S.S. Monomoy's gangplanks were hoisted up.

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MARINE COLUMN

At the S.H.Y.C. club-house there is a steward David Baatz.

The Fourth of July Festivities were very gay. Elmer Ellis won the fisherman's race in Catabout No. 33 by one second.

There will be many dances for old and young at the S.H.Y.C. this summer.

Practically all the Catabouts are in the water. Sunday the 9th nineteen boats raced which was a record for this year.

The open race on July 1st, given by Commodore Dutton of the Monomoy Yacht Club, as usual Dave MacLay using his master skill in sailing won.

John Fuller is trying to get together a women's crew for the Adam's cup race. Also a junior crew is starting.

Sunday the 9th, Eric Olson came to Chatham and raced in No. 4 catabout with No. 24 sails. He didn't do very well, at least not what was expected of him.

Ellen Fuller

PENNY SALE JULY 14TH

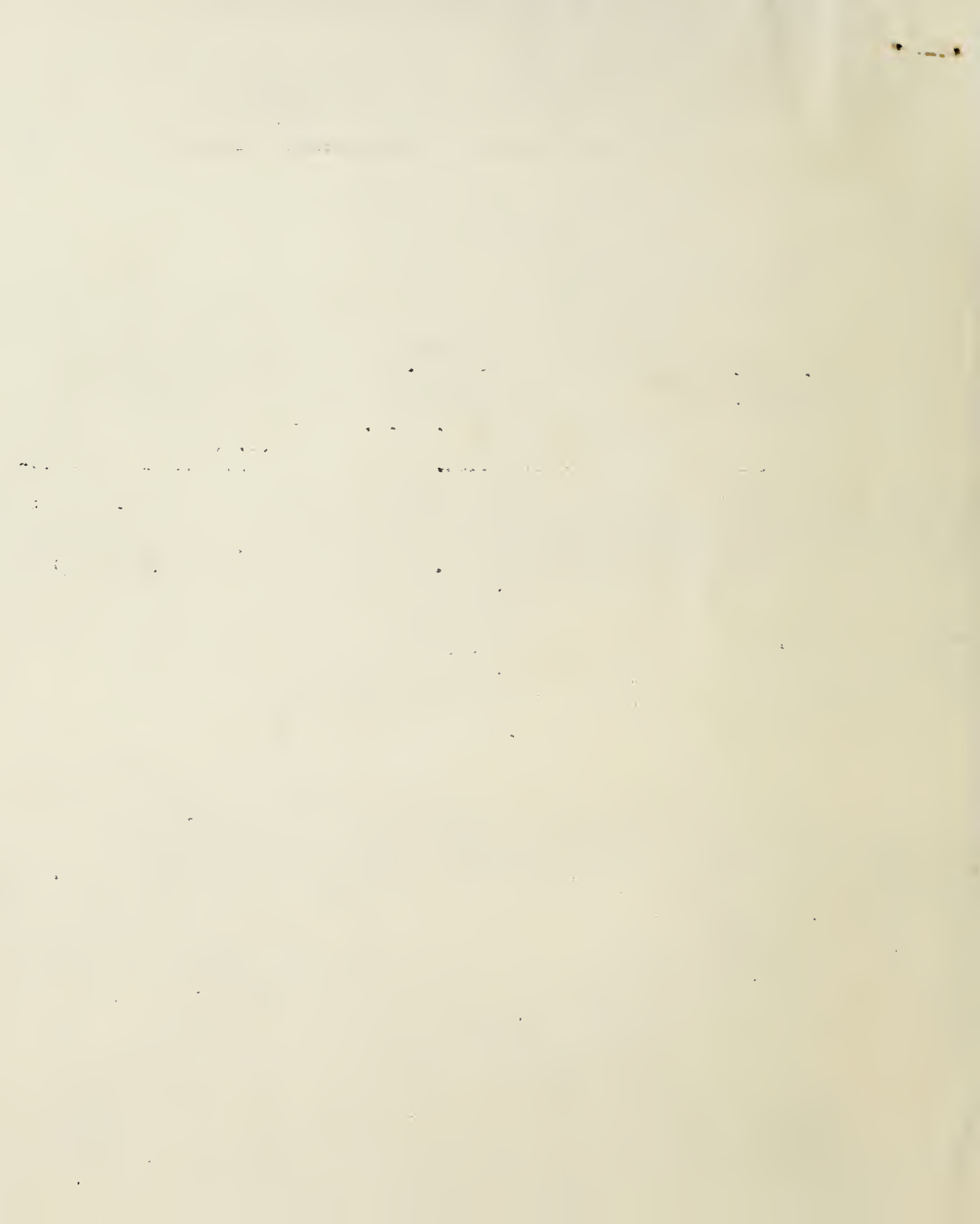
The Ploides Chapter O.E.S. will have a penny sale for its benefit on Friday July 14th at night. It will be held in front of Mrs. Harr's residence on Main St. in Chatham.

FOURTH SUCCESS

The Fourth of July parade began at 11 o'clock. Many interesting floats were presented. At the end of the parade the different floats and marching units were drawn up before the Chatham School House and prizes were awarded. At Eastward Ho a golf tournament was held. John Danc Jr. was the winner. The Baseball game Dartmouth Varsity vs Chatham was won by Chatham 9 to 4.

The Fireworks started at 9 o'clock. There were all different kinds of skyrockets which gave much light. The next thing before the last, they had tons of skyrockets. Towards the end of the skyrockets, they had

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GARDEN CLUB TO HOLD
MEETING

July 18th at Beach Club

The Chatham Garden Club will hold a meeting on July 18th at the Chatham Beach Club beginning promptly at 2:30 o'clock. Mrs. L. Taylor, Horticultural Chairman of the Federation of Garden Clubs will speak on Wild Flower Gardens.

Items of Interest

Tuttle's Market has been sold to Cyrus F. Baker.

The Animal Kingdom by Phillip Barry is playing this week at the Mononoy Theatre.

At the Cape Playhouse in Dennis Ethel Barrymore star of Stage and Screen will be among the Cast in the production of "White Oaks" beginning Monday June 10th.

A suit is in process between Robert Harding and The Chatham Water Co. over pipes which were put on Mr. Harding's land on Atwood Street.

S.S. Mononoy holds

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About 20 spectators parents and visitors were present. After regulation drill con. next col.

lowering of the boats and raising of the flag. Awards were presented to different members who had distinguished themselves. Captain Sherman Silva then introduced Commodore Clark who praised the Scouts for their work in transporting Scouts and visitors to and from the Sea Scout encampment at Dead Neck, Osterville (June 29 page 8).

An artificial respiration demonstration was then given. The boys worked over the supposed victim for ten minutes. The ship was then dismissed and refreshments were served.

CHATHAM SURF-CASTERS
CLUB FORMED

The Chatham Surf-Casters Club has been organized recently. Selectman Edwin Kidder has been chosen president of the newly formed group and Dr. Raden of Orleans Vice-president, R.G. Worley is Secretary-Treasurer. The organization plans to have surf casting contests at Wilfred's air port. Insignias will be awarded tolling the number of feet a member can cast. Several meets are planned for the near future.

SWIMMING MEET HELD
ON JULY 4TH
AT

OYSTER POND

The swimming meet under the supervision of Everett Eldredge Jr. Arthur Wholly and assisted by Desmond Eldredge and several Sea Scouts began at 9:15 A.M. First was the 50 yd. dash for girls under 15 yrs. of age. Donna Ragan who proved to be the best girl swimmer at the meet carried off the honors finishing far ahead of her competitors. The 50 yd. for boys 15 yrs. of age and under was won by "Sonny" Sherwood who led with a bigger margin than practically any swimmer of the day. The 25 yd. for girls under 10 yrs. of age was combined with the boys 25 yd. dash under ten because there was only one entry Pat Greenhalgh. The Winner was Billy Carr in a closely fought race. In the 50 yd. open girls and boys, Sonny Sherwood again carried off the honors. The last race of the morning was the 100 yd. open which had narrowed down to a race between Donna Ragan and Sonny Sherwood.

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The Fourth of July Celebration has proved that wide cooperation between citizens of Chatham and Summer residents is possible and successful. Certainly the same cooperation could be followed in other activities.

WHY COULDN'T.

The Yacht Club have another fishermen's race at labor day.

And how about some activities sponsored by both citizens of Chatham and Summer residents. We are sure it would work out successfully.
L.B. Gilbert

The Editor Remarks-----

Boy what a traff ic jam on the Fourth. The Police department handled it very nicely. Congratulations to the department.

While we are still thinking of the Fourth we surely got our money's worth out of the five hundred dollar town appropriation for the Fourth. The Fireworks were all we could ask for and more and we really mean it. A thousand thanks to the committee in charge.

Are we glad that the Barnstable Fair is coming back, but how about keeping it. It was a real Cape Cod institution. We are all for not making the revival but a joy but making it permanent. A Chatham Guide Book will make its appearance soon. Milk Weed Co., publisher.

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CHATHAM ITEMS

BY

SILVESTER Q. QUESTER

SOME QUITE OBVIOUS RECENT CHATHAM CHANGES

The garage at the MacLays - Samuel Freedman's venture in house building on upper Cedar Street - The new residence of the Tighe's on Mill Pond - The addition to the stone beach walls on Oyster Creek near Mill Wood Hollow - A strip of land, the former site of the storm signal tower, added to the parking area at the Chatham Light. A gift to the town by the Federal Government - The transfer to the Forsythe's of the several acres at the point lying beyond the Haller's place upon which they expect to build a home before the 1940 season - The four dormers just installed at the Hallers - The two cottages built by Chatham Bars Inn this winter - The raft of the Howes at the lower end of Oyster Pond - Johnny Fuller as the new pro- and David Batz as the steward at the SHYC - Harry Small as captain of E.W. Dutton's yacht this season - The cottage built by Frederick Wight near Commodore Hovey's home - A yacht estimated to be worth \$12,000 brought to Chatham's waters by a new summer resident - Many new Catabouts built by Spaulding Dunbar with special mention of that mahogany veneered one for which he was awarded a prize at the 4th of July parade - The well organized opposition to Federal interference at Monomoy Point on display at the parade - The system of sticking notices of town water regulation violations on wind shield wipers in the drivers absence - The marked increase in the personnel and activities of the town's Sea Scout, Boy Scout, and Naval Reserve units - The removal of the air hanger at North Chatham - The improvement in the appearance of the Gould Memorial Park and the fine terracing in the rear of it - The automobile parking space opposite the bank - The earlier hour at which the night mail is distributed at the post office - The 60 foot flag pole on the lawn of the town building installed by the Kenny Marine Yards of Stage Harbor - The landscaping and other additions to the home of Phyllis Grave Cox on Stage Harbor Road - The fire siren call located on the rim of the ball field near Nickerson's Lumber Yard - Webster's 5 and 10 on Main Street - The McNece home in North Chatham - The Neon sign of the Chatham Theatre and the new sign at Roys - The fine reconstruction work done to the residence of the late Mr. Hudson - the surveyor by Mrs. Nina McAlpin - The refreshment stand on the site of what was to have been a filling station at the four corners of Main Street - And finally the gas supply now piped to much of the town in the mains laid last summer.

WHY?

We have regarded that large cottage next to the Chatham Bars Inn built about 10 years ago and the two much older cottages on Bridge Street between Silver Leaf Avenue and the Shattuck residence as outstanding and distinctive structures. continued on next page



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Last summer the Chatham Bar Cottage was not rented and the other two were. This year the Chatham Bar Cottage is rented and the other two still have "To Let" signs on their lawns.

WE CONGRATULATE

Johnny Fuller on his serene, gentlemanly and very effective handling of the July 4th races of the Stage Harbor Yacht Club and the protests which followed. The club is indeed fortunate in having him, for he represents sailing experience gotten entirely in Chatham waters. Recognition of his ability by the Club sets a mark for the younger element to shoot at.

ROCKS

Some of our readers may have speculated as we frequently have on the price of the rocks in that collection at Nickerson's on the road to North Chatham which in strange contrast is located next to the pile of old rubber tires at the entrance. We can satisfy their curiosity by quoting the price to be 50 cents per rock F.O.B. Nickerson's roadside, for a half a dozen were sold the other day at that price. For our readers further information we can say that rock from the airport is now selling at \$3.50 per ton and that one may hire or take a truck to the other side of the Cape some 10 miles or so from Chatham and still get a stone fence or odd rock at a figure somewhat below these quotations.

THE HALLERS

Arc with us again, we are happy to announce. David preceded his mother and Shirley by a couple of weeks. Dr. Haller will join his family just as soon as his professional engagements permit. Mr. and Mrs. Harry Wilson will summer with their daughter, Mrs. Haller.

OUR ANNUAL GUESSING MATCH IS ON

Elizabeth Brandeis Raushenbush looking more attractive than ever, is in Chatham with her son, Walter. When Paul Raushenbush will be able to tear himself away from his many duties in Madison and join his family is at this writing anybody's guess. We hazard the suggestion that even Paul himself does not as yet know. All we can do is hope that he descends on Chatham very soon.

MACK MACLAY

We think it may now be said that some of us will long remember this tall, fine looking and well built boy at Crowell's wharf, puffing his pipe, giving a bit of advice to the crew of the Dumble Bee declining our invitation to the ball game then on his bicycle passing out of our sight, for all time, for all this happened just a few short hours before his sudden and untimely passing. May we also add that of the courage, fortitude, and other sterling qualities with which he carried on uncomplainingly against physical odds he was destined never to overcome, of which he must have known, or had some intimation, much has yet to be written.

A BARBER AT 90 SIMEON RYDER

There passed on several weeks ago after over a half century of activity, Chatham's oldest barber. This fine craftsman has to his credit an astounding accomplishment for although he was 90 years old, when he died yet he plied his trade until within a very short time of his death. In some future issue we shall write of Mr. Ryder at greater length.

PERHAPS YOU HAVE HEARD THIS ONE

The site of the New York World's Fair was formerly a marsh into which much of the City's garbage was put in an effort to drain it. Van Loon the writer on his first visit to the fair after viewing that breath taking and inspiring sight was asked to give his reaction to it. He did so in a fashion worth passing on in saying, "It looks to me as if Grover Whalen has erected the "World of To-morrow" on the garbage of yesterday.

Claude Swanson Dies

The Secretary of Navy died July 7th at 9:06 A.M.. He had been ill for quite a few months. He was one of the original men in Roosevelt's Cabinet and was the fourth to die. His assistant Charles Edison is thought to be his successor. A state funeral was held in the Senate chambers. He was born in Swansenville March 28, 1862. He was elected to Congress in 1892. Mr. Swanson gained the support of the foremost political leader in Virginia. He wanted him for governor. In 1905 Swanson was elected governor by a large majority. In August 1910 he was named to succeed George Daniels in the U.S. Senate. He was a strong Democratic member of the Senate Foreign Affairs Committee until he became a member of Roosevelt's Cabinet.

Frank B. Gilbert

The Chatham Visiting Nurses Association held a meeting on July 12th at 2:30 P.M. at the residence of Mrs. Harding. Officers were elected and routine business was attended to.

Monomoy Yacht Club
Race

On July 1st a Monomoy Yacht Club Catabout race was held. Stage Harbor members were invited to participate. The Winner of the race was Dave MacLay. A stop watch was the prize.

July 2nd Cup Race

On July 2nd the first cup race of the Stage Harbor Yacht Club racing season was held. In the Catabout class Dave MacLay finished first but was disqualified therefore the winner was Mel Webster. Class A was in reality a baybird class with two entrances both baybirds. Mrs. MacLay was the winner. The "Tophat" carried off the honors in Class B while Betty Wright was the Corsair winner. "Howdy" Heincke was victorious in the Interclub class. There was quite a stiff breeze.

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so many skyrockets in the air at once that it lit up the sky like day. The last show made in a flash in colored lights. Fourth of July races were held at Stage Harbor.
F. B. Gilbert

